

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claim 11 has been amended above to incorporate the allowable limitations of dependent claim 13 and claim 13 has been canceled. Further, claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the allowable limitations of dependent claim 20 and claim 20 has been canceled. To advance prosecution, claims 1, 3 and 4 have been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 11, 12, 16 and 17 were rejected 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Schulz et al. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, to advance prosecution, claims 1, 3 and 4 have been canceled without prejudice, claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 13 and claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claim 20. Therefore, the Examiner's rejection has been mooted.

Claims 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schultz. Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection. However, this rejection has been mooted by the amendment to claim 16 presented above. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are solicited.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 13 and 20 contain allowable subject matter. As noted above, the allowable limitations of claim 13 have been incorporated into an amended claim 11 and the allowable limitations of dependent claim 20 have been incorporated into an amended claim 16. Therefore, claims 11 and 16 and the claims that depend therefrom should be allowed.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 25 and 26 are allowed.

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All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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